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By John Campbell

up for adoption.

work with local rescue groups be "providing leadership in the to find homes for the animals well-being and adoption of dothe petition, who spoke to Cra- destroyed. mahe Township March 5.

support to have the service not familiar with." change its policies and proinjury are euthanized.

lier this year that lost and feral lation from growing. cats delivered into its care were aggressive.

ter's board of directors after it berland Veterinary Services. euthanized.

and procedures and make its cues or new homes, as well as

operations more transparent. ship - A petition is making the volunteers, and employ a volto have the Shelter of Hope in tial adopters and deliver the Cobourg stop destroying ani- animals to their new homes, as mals that can be saved and put well as hold frequent adoption events.

The shelter also needs to Shelter of Hope claims to and to make public how it uses mestic animals," Merriam said, the money it receives from but of the 563 animals it took donors, says Laurel Merriam, in last year between January one of the people involved in and September, 215 cats were

"Many are being put down The township, which em- for aggression," she said, but ploys Shelter of Hope to im- "any animal is going to behave pound stray dogs caught in differently if it's in a cage, if it's Cramahe, was asked for its in an environment that they're

The answer is to turn Shelter cedures to become a no-kill of Hope into a no-kill commushelter, in which only animals nity where "savable" animals with life-threatening illness or are kept alive for adoption. To get there will take ten steps, The shelter's practices through measures such as trap-"caused quite a stir," Merriam ping, neutering and releasing said, when it came to light ear- feral cats to prevent their popu-

"There's an amazing probeing put down if deemed to be gram right here in Colborne called the Cat Care Spay Neu-Its manager was suspended ter Initiative" that does that, she for two weeks by the shel- said, with the help of Northum- put on the advisory committee.

learned four healthy cats that Merriam said the K9 Cru- News) survived a house fire had been saders, a local animal advocacy group, is willing to work Last month the Joint Animal with Shelter of Hope to "make Control Municipal Services a difference." Volunteers will Board suspended euthanasia assess the animals and help to practices at Shelter of Hope find their owners or arrange for and formed an advisory com- them to be adopted. They will mittee to review its policies provide transportation to res-

organize spay/neuter and microchip clinics News - Cramahe Town- The committee will also recruit "to promote responsible pet ownership."

Once a program is in place "you're gorounds of area municipalities unteer network to find poten- ing to have people wanting to give money because you're doing the right thing," Merriam said.

She works as a transport co-ordinator with an organization based in Quebec called Pound Paws that rescues animals from shelters that are earmarked for euthanasia by paying "pull fees" and placing them in foster care or adoptive homes.

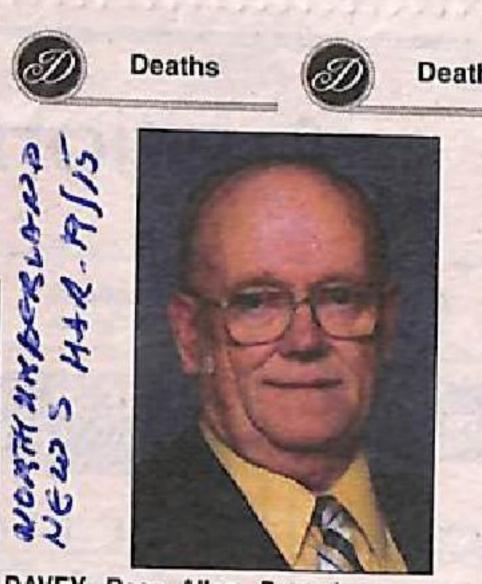
It has "a very very high success rate," she said. "A similar idea could work here in Northumberland" and K9 Crusaders have "already agreed to do that."

Supporters of the petition, which had garnered more than 32,000 signatures online by mid-February, also want to see the CO2 gas chamber at the shelter destroyed so it can't be used anywhere else.

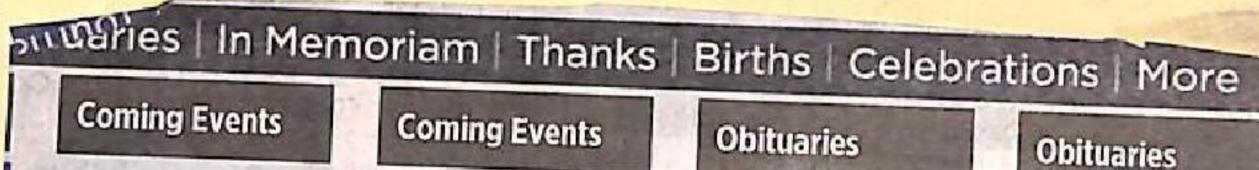
Injection of barbiturates is a better method of putting down an animal that is sick, injured or dangerous, Merriam said, after every other avenue has been exhausted.

The shelter's board admitted public trust in the shelter "has been very much broken," Merriam said. "We've asked them to ensure that community members know where their donations are going," and that a community representative from each municipality served by the shelter-the others are Cobourg, Port Hope and the townships of Alnwick/Haldimand and Hamilton-be

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DAVEY, Ross Allen. Passed away peacefully on March 13, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer with his wife Shirley at his side. Ross is survived by his beloved wife Shirley. Loving father of Sharon MacMurchy (Scott), Julie Langman (Shawn), Rick Burr, Brian (Shelley), Vincent (Tina) and the late Kathy Scriver (late David). Loving brother of Doris Winter (John). Brother-in-law of Barbara Lane (Ron), Victor French of Alberta. Proud grandfather of 16 and great grandfather of 17. Will be dearly missed and remembered by many nieces and nephews and extended family. Ross was an employee of the Public Works Dept. for 30 years. At Ross's request there will be a private family service at a later date. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday March 22, 2015 from 1 to 4 pm at the Grafton Legion Br.#580, Highway #2. All family, friends and former co-workers are more than welcome. Memorial donations may be made to Northumberland Hills Hospital Palliative Care or the Grafton Legion Br.#580. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.





BURGESS, Gerald Keith - Peacefully at Northumberland Hills Hospital, Cobourg, in his 81st year. Already missing him are his wife Gayle, daughters Andrea, Kirsten (Ralph), Elaine, son David (Ramona), and grandchildren Ava, Gabriella, Heather, Joshua and Melissa. When his muscle disease caused quadriplegia, his positive outlook and courage were an inspiration to all. He was a pillar of strength and faith, and will be missed by all who knew him. Singer, Organist and Choir Director, Conductor music was his love. With the Peterborough Singers, Ontario Cathedral Singers, and numerous church choirs for over 50 years - 15 he made beautiful music. Friends may call at MacCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME, 11 King Street West, Colborne, on Friday, March 27 from 2-4 p.m. and at MacCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME, 30 King Street East, Cobourg from 7-9 p.m. Memorial Service will be held at St. George's Anglican Church, Grafton on Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. George's Anglican Church or Colborne Community Care, will be truly appreciated. Many thanks to the wonderful staff in ICU. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

by way of cards, donations, food and visits. A heartfelt thank you to Donna Rusaw and Kim and Tim Callaghan for hosting and providing a delicious meal between visitation hours. Special thanks, as well, to Dad's friend and PSW, Joan Miller, who filled his last few years with laughter and love; the faithful drivers from Community Care and his beloved Men's Group; his niece, Brenda Chapman, and friend Jennifer Heintzman, who kept a watchful eye on him; the doctors and nurses at Northumberland Hills Hospital; and in dad's own eloquent words, Please thank "Steve Bowskill - pharmacist extraordinaire!" A heartfelt appreciation to Brad Cotter and MacCoubrey's Funeral Home for their expert management of the funeral arrangements and respectful and caring conduct with our family. To Dad's much loved Village of Colborne, a few final words so beautifully penned by his granddaughter, Laura, "Grandpa's hill will be forever rich with his spirit; the birds will be his laughter; the trees his strength and the sweet town of Colborne, his heart". Sincerely, The Harnden Family (Jean, Jim, Ruth and Vali)

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The family of the late Harold Harnden would

like to express sincere thanks to friends, family

and neighbours for their many acts of kindness